Foodgrain stock in FCI godowns

†1231. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CUNSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and rice stored in the godowns of Food Corporation of India as on 30th June, 2003;

(b) what is the total annual expenditure on the storage of above foodgrains; and

(c) out of the total quantity of wheat and rice available in the godowns of Food Corporation, the quantity of foodgrains which is not fit for consumption and the quantity of foodgrains which has rotten?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The stock of wheat and rice in the Central Pool as on 30.6.2003 is given as under:—

(Figures in lakh tonnes)

Provisional

Commodity	Stock position		Total
	With FCI godowns	with State Agencies	
Wheat	67.38	174.56	241.94
Rice	105.18	4.56	109.74
TOTAL:	172.56	179.12	351.68

(b) The estimated annual expenditure on storage of foodgrains in Food Corporation of India godowns is Rs. 1011 crores.

(c) The quantity of damaged foodgrains with FCI as on 30.6.2003 is as under:—

(Figures in M.T.)

Wheat	18389
Rice	97696
Paddy	2008
TOTAL	118093

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